

# American Athletes Turn Attention to Teams For World's Championship Games

## TENTATIVE CREW FOR OLYMPIC TO BE NAMED SOON

Ralph Zane, Old Penn Star, Most Likely Candidate for Stroke Position.

By MANHATTAN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Plans for the eight-oared crew, which is to represent the United States at the Olympic regatta in London in July are in satisfactory shape, and in a few weeks now, President James Pilkington, of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, will be able to announce the composition of the crew.

In fact, he already has decided upon some of the men, among them Ralph Zane, former stroke of the University of Pennsylvania crew, who, unless there is a change in the program, will stroke the All-American eight.

Zane is a finished oarsman, who has weight, stamina, grit, and skill in abundance. Pilkington is confident that he will get together an eight which will creditably represent the United States in the greatest international regatta of modern times.

The American Olympic committee has decided to have one of the top-oars for the American team on the Pacific coast. This is as it should be. The coast has produced of late years too many athletes of class to be neglected in the making up of an athletic team which is to represent the whole country.

In carefully considering the matter the committee arrived at the conclusion that it would not be fair to the athletes of the far West to ask them to journey half way across the continent to try for places at the games on Marshall Field, in Chicago.

Furthermore, the date set for the Middle West events was not considered suitable in the case of the Pacific coast athletes. The track and field season west of the Rocky mountains begins considerably earlier than in the East and Middle West. The college athletes reach the height of their form some time before June 6, and to ask them to continue in training until that date, in addition to traveling many hundreds of miles, would be a severe handicap on the Pacific coast performers.

According to recent statistics, more than 11,000 undergraduates are enrolled in the nine leading universities and colleges of that section. In addition to this group of eligible athletes must be considered the members of the various athletic clubs of the same section, which would bring the total up to more than 15,000.

With the results of the three big meets to guide them, the committee will meet in this city on or about June 10 and enter upon the task of selecting the American Olympic team. It is expected that this task will require several days, but the members of the body hope to be able to cable the complete American entries to the English committee not later than June 15, which will give a margin of two days, as the entry list for the United States will close on June 15.

Harvard intends to do a bout in football this season. Her defeat by Yale, Dartmouth, and Catholic last year has convinced her that something is radically wrong in her methods.

The effort will be made to take up again with all seriousness the work started by Reid in 1926 and to organize a permanent body that will work in harmony for a more consistent policy and more victories in football. It is expected that there still exists the old antagonism between the faculty on one hand and the undergraduates and alumni on the other over the question of athletics. President Elliot is still firm in his demand that sport be pushed into the background and has gone so far as to advocate a general suspension of all intercollegiate sports, as high as seventy in number. Fourth of July is suggested for the date.

The elimination of the Cornell and Columbia boat races with Harvard next spring, after they had been practically arranged for, as well as the withdrawal of the basketball team from the intercollegiate league, was thought to be an attempt to meet the views of the Harvard faculty in this line.

In football the students desire a more aggressive policy. This is said to be one of the reasons for the appointment of the new committee, which is composed almost entirely of former football players of prominence. In addition to Captain Burr, who will lead the 1938 eleven, the new members of the board are G. R. Fearing, '38; Percy Houghton, '38; M. L. Newhall, '38; Andy Marshall, '38; and J. W. Farley, '39, together with W. E. Garcelon, '38.

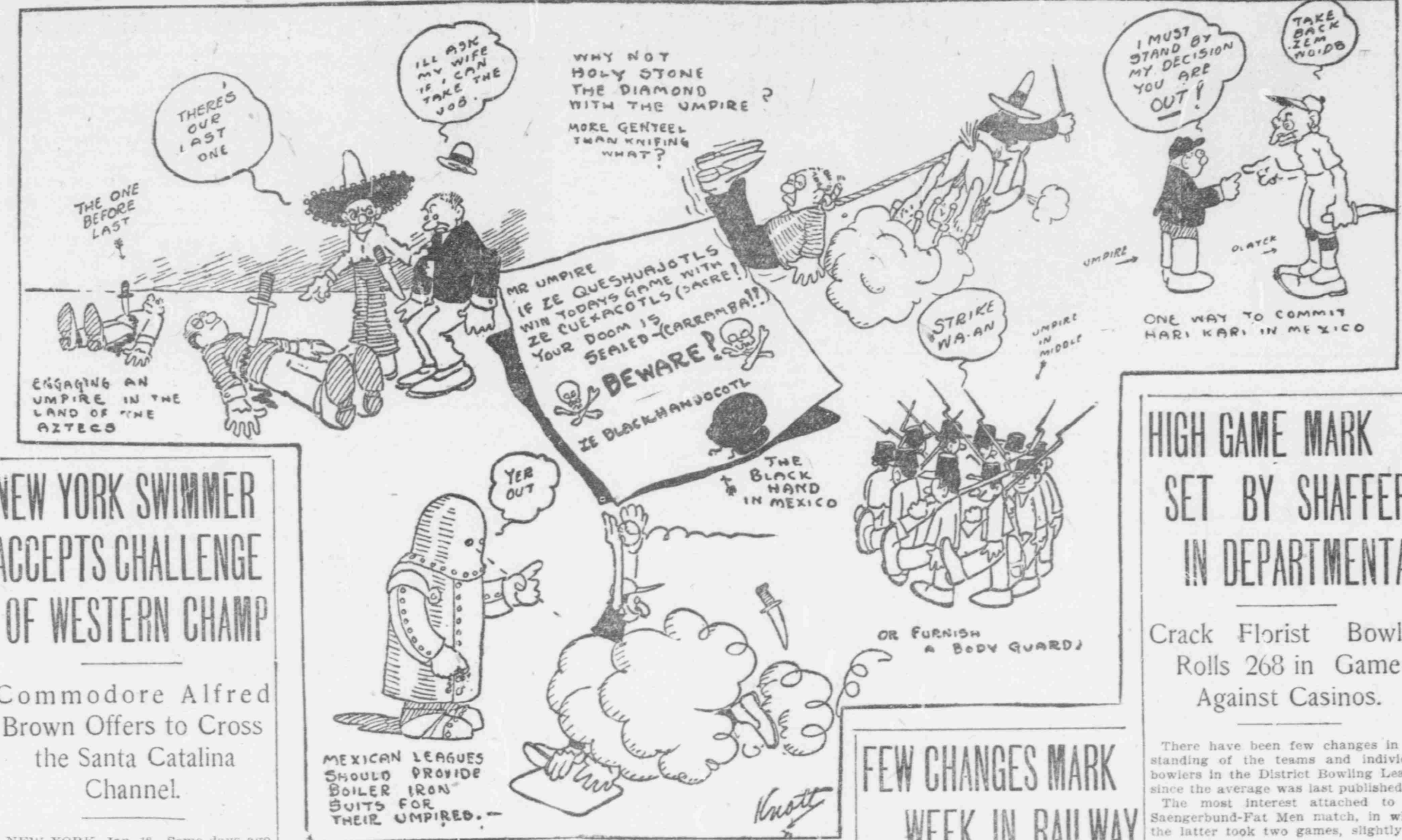
It is doubtful if there ever has been a swimmer the equal of C. M. Daniels. During 1927 he established new world records up to 150 yards, and new American records in 100 and 200 yards, and a record of 190 yards in 25.2 seconds in the championship of England has been universally recognized as the most wonderful performance of all time, there are many who look with as much awe at his mile figures of 22:40-45. That an avowed sprinter should go out of his class to compete in distance events and succeed in almost equalling the world's best records, savors of the marvelous.

The fastest mile ever negotiated by amateur or professional stands to the credit of B. Kerau, of New South Wales, and was covered in 23:38, or twenty-five seconds faster than Daniels' mark, made with little training in a race which he won by several lengths of the pool.

## FORTUITOUS CIRCUMSTANCE.

McCorkle—You can say what you please about flying machines, but one of them saved my life once. McCorkle—How? McCorkle—I had arranged to go in one on its trial trip, but something got wrong with it, and it never started. Philadelphia Inquirer.

## Ennui Is About the Only Trouble the Mexican Umpire Escapes



## NEW YORK SWIMMER ACCEPTS CHALLENGE OF WESTERN CHAMP

Commodore Alfred Brown Offers to Cross the Santa Catalina Channel.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Some days ago the announcement was published that F. B. Paymou, the Pacific Coast professional swimming champion, had decided to attempt to swim the Santa Catalina Channel, between Long Beach and Santa Catalina, in southern California. He challenged any swimmer in the world to compete against him for a \$2,000 prize offered by a Los Angeles newspaper to any one succeeding in crossing the channel.

New York has furnished a taker. A letter is now on its way to Los Angeles accepting the challenge for Commodore Alfred Brown, of the Flushing Bay division of the American Life-Saving Society, who signifies his willingness to meet Paymou, either in the long swim or at any distance the latter may mention.

Friends of Brown are very confident that he can perform the feat in better time than his rival, and they are willing to back him if a match is made. They point out that, although he has taken part in every endurance test given in this district, he has never been beaten, and that last summer he won the thirteen-mile race from the Battery to Coney Island, emblematic of the professional championship of America, in record time, finishing fresh and well within himself.

The fact must not be lost sight of that the favorable tide in the Coney Island race greatly reduced the journey, while the California swim will have to be made across tide. The Santa Catalina Channel measures twenty-seven miles from shore to shore, so that it is two miles wider than the English Channel at the point where the various attempts to swim the latter have been made. The water is smoother and the current slower, which makes some difference, but prominent New York swimmers are a bit sceptical of either man's ability to stand the terrific strain through which they will have to go.

They figure that, at the very least, it will take an average of forty minutes per mile when it comes to distance above ten miles.

It means that each must keep up an even gait at this pace, without a rest, for twenty full hours. This they consider beyond human endurance in water that is as cold as high as seventy in temperature. Fourth of July is suggested for the date.

## UNIVERSITY SCHOOL LOSES TO FORT MYER

The Army Y. M. C. A. basketball team of Fort Myer last night at its gymnasium defeated the outfit from the University Preparatory School of this city by 11 to 9.

The game was witnessed by a large following of both teams, and the army men had an advantage in years over the school boys. The two teams were strong on the defensive but weak on the offensive, this fact being particularly noticeable in the way the men covered. There was hardly any team work, as the local school players seemed afraid to take chances. The first half ended with the score 9 to 3 in favor of the soldiers, but after the intermission the prep came back strong and proceeded to work. That they were able to hold the soldiers down to one goal in the second half and made six points themselves shows that the prep team is not all that it seems to be. The second half was fifteen minutes and had it gone as long as the first half the story might have been different.

The newness of the gymnasium bothered the school boys considerably, and the basketball shooting was weak. Frequently in the first half the ball was kept around the army basket, but had thrown kept the boys from scoring. In addition the local lads had the better of the argument, but the team work of the soldiers, when they did have a chance to show it, was what won the game. The University School men played a faster game in the second session, while the soldiers weakened. This is the first time these teams have played and a return game will be pulled off at the local gymnasium of the University School on Church street.

## Mexican Ump. a Target For Dirks and Balls

Report of Recent Game in Diazland Indicates America Has New Tricks to Learn. Tale of Arbitrator.

"The universal spread of baseball has occasioned many articles in newspapers and magazines, and the idiosyncrasies of the nations which have adopted America's sport have been dilated upon at length. It appears, however, as if some of the peculiarities of baseball in Old Mexico have been overlooked," says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"When Comiskey and his then world's champion White Sox took their memorable trip to the land of Diaz last year, columns of matter were written about the baseball ideas of the Mexicans. Whether the four of the White Sox improved the divided aspect of the sport or not cannot be definitely told at this distance, but certain it is that the love of the umpire is as strong in the breasts of the Mexican-players and spectators—as it is in this country.

**Tried to Knife Umpire.** "According to the Mexico Daily Record of December 20, 1927, Bocanegra, once one of the best native ballplayers, has ended his career on the diamond because of a belligerence a trifle ahead of the best John J. McGraw or Norman Elberfeld ever displayed. When Mr. Bocanegra drew a knife from his bosom and attempted to carve the umpire it was decided that the best interest of the sport would be best served by his permanent retirement.

"The near-victim of Bocanegra's soliloquy was a former St. Louis newspaper man, Harry A. Niemeyer, and, although he escaped practically unscathed and was able to write an account of the stirring episode for his paper, he has joined the ranks of the ex-umpires, and not a Jack Sheridan.

**Hurled Ball at Arbitrator.** "This was not all Bocanegra did, but a brief recital of the game will give an idea of up-to-date baseball in Old Mexico. The contest was between the Mexicans, all natives, and the Oliver Typewriters, and at the end of the seventh the score was tied at all. In the next session, however, the Mexicans got two men across and held their opponents safely until the ninth, when the Oliver scored three and won 5 to 4.

"Bocanegra caught the Mexicans' adverse opinions on the umpire's decisions on balls and strikes. These expressions were of the usual verbal order until the seventh inning, when Niemeyer was behind the pitcher and called a fourth ball. The Bocanegra-Castilian blood boiled to such an extent that the catcher hurled the ball at the umpire, the pitcher kindly stepping aside to permit a perfect view.

**They Mix It Up.** "Bocanegra followed the ball like any toothless kid, and Niemeyer, nothing loth, pocketed his indicator and an extra ball and started to meet him. The crash came midway 'twixt box and place and then the players pried them apart and the game was resumed with Bocanegra still behind the bat as the game was so close.

"At the conclusion of the game Bocanegra walked on the diamond with his hand on the shirt and again Niemeyer advanced to meet him. A visiting baseball manager called out that Bocanegra had a knife in his shirt, and so it proved, as the catcher yanked out the disk and started for the pitcher. Again the pleasure of the now thoroughly interested spectators was spoiled as the players once more dug the belligerents apart before the catcher had time to probe the anatomy.

**Other Little Adventures.** "It took six husky ballplayers to bring about this bloodless result, and the lone policeman on watch declined to back such terrific odds and effect an arrest.

"It seemed as if Niemeyer's day of turmoil was over, but another new wrinkle was sprung on him. As he was walking home from the ball park he was bombarded with stones by three horsemen, and had a free fight with a small-sized mob on foot as well.

"In view of this incident appeals from the fines and suspensions of Presidents Pulliam and Johnson for mild exhibitions of umpire baiting will be in order the coming season."

## FEW CHANGES MARK WEEK IN RAILWAY

No marked changes in averages and no shifts in team positions mark the week in the Washington Railway Relief Association Bowling League.

The record of the week:

Team	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Mechanical	19	8	.701
Northern	18	9	.666
Roadway	16	8	.666
N. Eastern	14	9	.607
Wilson	12	12	.500
Columbia	12	11	.520
Southside	12	12	.500
Eastern	12	14	.461
Lighting Co.	8	16	.333
Gen. Office	1	23	.041

Individual Averages Nine High Men.

Name	Strikes	Saves.	Av.
Snelling	70	119	176-1
Herbert	70	119	176-1
Wilson	70	119	176-1
Wynkoop	61	89	162-9
McKinney	59	73	101-4
Ourand	46	101	160-5
Cornell	35	17	160-14
McIntire	22	9	151-23
Anderson	25	11	139-5

## M'FARLAND IS HOT ON NELSON'S TRAIL

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Packer McFarland's manager, Harry Gilmore, tonight reiterated that his protégé was more than anxious to sign up for a fight with Nelson.

McFarland has posted a forfeit of \$500, but has not heard from California, where he is supposed to be covering the money or not. Gilmore will not recede from his decision that McFarland will not fight more than twenty-five rounds with Nelson.

"You know yourself," said Gilmore, "the battle will not go that long. There is no question that McFarland will be declared the winner before twenty rounds. At the same time, it must be remembered that my fighter is only nineteen years old, and if the Dane stands him off for twenty-five rounds McFarland would be under a severe handicap, as Nelson is certainly a winner at coming back."

McFarland would sign for a fight with Young Loughery in Philadelphia, but the terms do not suit, and if he does not receive a more liberal concession the battle will be called off. McFarland and Gilmore will remain in this city for three or four days, if there is nothing doing in Philadelphia, and then pull out for Chicago, where Packer will follow the lead of other ring celebrities and appear in vaudeville.

## BOYS' DEPARTMENT HAS DOUBLE BILL

The boys' department duplicated the double show of the seniors by games between the Boys' Department and Shamrocks and the Church of Good Shepherd and the Juniors. Both games resulted in victories for the home teams, the Boys' Department winning by 28 to 19, and the Juniors turning the trick by 14 to 10.

Both were interesting and showed the youngsters well versed in the indoor game. The Boys' Department, by its decisive trouncing of the Shamrock team, has asked a return game with the reserves, which, in all probability, will be played next Saturday night in the big gym.

**Line-ups:** Boys' Dept. Shamrocks. Forward—L. F. ... Kelly. Center—R. F. ... Robison. Guard—L. B. ... Repetti. Point—R. B. ... Morris.

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## HIGH GAME MARK SET BY SHAFFER IN DEPARTMENTAL

Crack Florist Bowler Rolls 268 in Game Against Casinos.

There have been few changes in the standing of the teams and individual bowlers in the District Bowling League since the average was last published.

The most interest attached to the Saengerbund-Fat Men match, in which the latter took two games, slightly increasing its lead.

The main feature was the establishing of a new high game record for the season. Shaffer of the Florists, who bowled 268 in the first game of Friday's match against the Casinos, Walker's 257 was best until Shaffer ran his string.

Team Standing.

Team	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Fat Men	23	27	6	.815
Saengerbund	23	24	9	.727
Bank Clerks	20	14	16	.467
Bank Clerks	20	26	15	.444
Casinos	20	13	17	.432
Florists	20	3	30	.091

Team Averages.

Team	G.	Pins.	Game.	Av.
Fat Men	23	2,885	590	260
Saengerbund	23	2,871	1,015	260
Bank Clerks	20	2,388	1,015	260
Bank Clerks	20	2,383	879	260
Florists	20	2,432	892	260
Casinos	20	2,278	862	260

Fat Men.

Name	G.	Pins.	Game.	Av.
Waters	20	5,632	225	185
Kraus	20	4,967	226	184
Chiller	20	4,932	226	184
Field	20	4,555	229	182
Allison	24	4,288	211	179
Rodrick	27	4,717	242	176

Saengerbund.

Name	G.	Pins.	Game.	Av.
Bonz	23	5,419	253	194
Waters	20	5,124	265	187
Ekstein	23	5,097	297	185
Schuerman	24	4,908	222	180
Burdine	20	5,240	246	177
Reckert	19	4,128	245	174
Robinson	12	2,656	225	170
Brandt	3	490	168	155

Oriental.

Name	G.	Pins.	Game.	Av.
O'Donnell	27	5,199	245	189
Brown	20	5,456	223	180
Waters	20	5,456	223	180
Marshall	4	716	203	179
Campbell	23	4,096	211	174
Frederick	3	482	167	141
Johnson	3	452	159	144
Weiser	3	415	117	138

Bank Clerks.

Name	G.	Pins.	Game.	Av.
Walker	23	5,993	257	181
Cox	23	5,854	226	177
Goodman	27	4,787	209	176
Berry	3	572	151	141
Jacobson	23	5,789	222	169
Gibbsell	6	820	164	140

Casinos.

Name	G.	Pins.	Game.	Av.
Cooper	15	2,678	221	179
Smith	6	1,070	193	178
Neiss	3	526	151	162
Garrett	15	2,582	220	172
Hammer	12	2,223	198	171
Walsh	9	1,594	223	169
Simmons	9	1,479	188	165
Seitz	9	1,479	188	165
Lund	6	944	177	157
Deay	8	1,220	164	153

Florists.

Name	G.	Pins.	Game.	Av.
Shaffer	27	4,762	225	176
Leahy	20	4,266	209	169
Cooke	27	4,410	228	162
Simmonds	24	3,799	222	158
Freeman	3	409	209	153
Clark	6	860	178	148
Ernest	15	2,316	215	154
Barry	12	1,791	209	149
McCauley	3	348	128	116

**DOLL TEACHERS.** Kindergarten methods of educating young children have always been a pronounced success, says Leslie's Weekly. Recently a new phase of the system was invented and put into effect by a Belgian lady, Mme. Perbet. She teaches young children by dolls, representing personages and scenes in European history, arranged in order of time from the earliest dates. The plan works excellently, the children in this way acquiring historical knowledge with ease.

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## FRENCH ENTHUSE OVER RING GAME; MAY HAVE CHAMP

Frank Erne's Pupils Classy--English Definition of Amateur.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Having shown 29 marked an improvement in athletic sports, the French now intend to reach out for honors in that peculiarly Anglo-Saxon game wherein the padded glove and the squared circle form the main implements, beyond the human fist and skull.

Frank Erne, who at one time was American lightweight champion, is teaching the art of stop, block, and get away to Parisians and he declares they take to the game like a duck to water. The American says he has some pupils who show championship class and in a few months more of practice he expects them to go out after scalps. When they do, declares Erne, they will make the English and American fighting men sit up and take notice.

It will be queer to see a French champion pugilist, but after all, why not? We have a French golf champion, a Russian wrestling champion, Belgian rowing champions, and come to think of it, the present heavyweight boxing champion is a French-Canadian with a Scotch nom de guerre.

Important action for American athletes who expect to participate in the Olympic games has been taken by the Olympic council.

The council, in announcing that each competition shall be confined to amateurs, gives the following definition of amateur: "An amateur is one who has never competed for a money prize or monetary consideration or for any declared wage or stake bet; who has never engaged in, assisted in or taught any athletic exercise as a means of pecuniary gain; and who has never taken part in any competition with any one who is not an amateur." This, while not the exact wording, is practically the same as the definition of an amateur in America.

What is probably the greatest concession, outside of the changing of the athletic rules of the Amateur Athletic Association of Great Britain for the games, is a statement by the British council to the effect that the direction of running will be "left hand inside." This means that all the running competitions will be held in the same manner as the races in the United States, and hence the American team will not have to get used to running with the right hand along the inside board of the track. When the team of 1936 got to Athens the men discovered that the method of running would be exactly opposite to the style to which they had become accustomed, and they were not quite at home under the new style.

Richard Croker's Derby winner, Orby, has fully recovered his form, and promises to be a factor which must be reckoned with in turf matters next season. English turf experts are beginning to realize that Orby's win was not a fluke, but that Mr. Croker has in him a really great race horse.

Commenting upon the class of Orby as a racer, the special commissioner of the London Sporting Life recently wrote that Mr. Croker's Derby winner has all the qualities of a great horse. The same writer repeats his statement, made in London, that Orby was far from at his best when he won the Derby.

Henry Crowther, curator of the Leeds Museum, in a recent lecture upon horses pointed out the similarity between the teeth of horses of the present day and the teeth of the Indian elephant. Mr. Crowther said that the first horse was born about 50,000 years ago, and as long ago as 50,000 years ago, horses were used for racing purposes, he said.

Lady de Bathe, better known as Mrs. Lily Langtry, intends to make a strong bid for turf honors next season, so the story goes.

Her ladyship now has in training seven-year-old youngsters, most of them bred by herself. She has at the head of her breeding establishment the two stallions, Merman and Aurum, both of which performed creditably in her colors before they were sent to the stud. While they were sent to the stud, they were used as sires, and they are splendidly bred, and Lady de Bathe is confident when her youngsters go to the races they will reflect honor on their sires, their breeder, and their trainer.

She has, by the way, changed trainers. Up to last season W. Donohue, once a famous jockey, had charge of her horses, but now they are in charge of the son of Sam Dan, who was one of the most successful trainers on the English turf. Young Darling is said to have inherited much of his father's skill in getting horses to the post in winning form. So Lady de Bathe's confidence may not be misplaced.

Arnold Massey, the French champion golfer, has demonstrated that his winning of the open championship was legitimate. In a recent match with James Braid, the former champion and the best golfer in Great Britain, the Frenchman won after a closely contested game by 2 up and 1 to play, over a thirty-six-hole course. Braid took what looked like a commanding lead early in the game, but by close, steady, and brilliant play Massey overcame the lead and won the match. He is a wonderful golfer.

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